

- (iii) subjecting the solidifiable liquid coating material to the action of at least one stream of gas under pressure whereby to modify the flow characteristics of the curtain.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --- claim 1 ---.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --- claim 1 ---.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --- claim 1 ---.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --- claim 1 ---.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --- claim 1 ---.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert therefor --- claim 1 ---.

13. (Amended) An apparatus for applying a coating to articles, comprising:
- (i) supply means [(14)] arranged to provide a curtain [(30)] of solidifiable liquid coating material [(16)];
  - (ii) means [(10)] for effecting relative movement between articles [(12)] are coated and the supply means [(14)] whereby in use the articles [(12)] are coated with solidifiable liquid coating material [(16)] in the curtain [(30)]; and

- (iii) means [(20, 22; 40, 46, 48)] arranged to subject the solidifiable liquid coating material [(16)] to the action of at least one stream of gas under pressure whereby to modify the flow characteristics of the curtain [(30)].

14. (Amended) A method of controlling a curtain of a solidifiable liquid composition comprising the steps of:

- (i) providing a curtain [(30)] of solidifiable liquid material [(16)]; and
- (ii) before, during and/or after step (i), subjecting the solidifiable liquid material [(16)] to the action of at least one stream of gas under pressure whereby to modify the characteristics of the curtain [(30)].

Claim 16, line 1, delete "or 15".

17. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling curtain of a solidifiable liquid composition comprising:

- (i) supply means [(14)] arranged to provide a curtain [30)] of solidifiable liquid coating material [(16)]; and
- (ii) means [(20, 22; 40, 46, 48)] arranged to subject the solidifiable liquid coating material [(16)] to the action of at least one stream of gas under pressure whereby to modify the characteristics of the curtain [(30)].

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove all multiple dependencies therefrom.  
The claims have also been amended to remove all drawing numeral designations.